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Jackson County BOCC Regular Meeting Highlights

Jackson County, FL. – On September 23, 2025, the Jackson County Board of County Commissioners held a Regular Meeting. This is a recap of some of the reports and requests included in that meeting.

REQUEST: Adoption of Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida Proclamation



The Board adopted a proclamation recognizing the 20th anniversary of the Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida (ELCNWF) and officially declared September 23, 2025, as "Early Learning Coalition of Northwest Florida Day" in Jackson County.

For two decades, the Coalition has empowered thousands of children to enter kindergarten ready to learn, grow, and thrive while strengthening families and forging strong partnerships with educators and community leaders. By supporting early education and providing critical resources for young learners, ELCNWF has played a vital role in building a brighter future for the region's youngest citizens.

This recognition celebrates their enduring commitment to early childhood development and underscores Jackson County's appreciation for the educators, families, and partners who invest daily in the success of the next generation.



REQUEST: Approval of Community Development Projects

The Board of County Commissioners approved the following projects and requests presented by the Community Development Department:

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- **Subdivision Resolution and Ordinance**

The Board acted to keep Jackson County in full compliance with new state requirements under Senate Bill 784, which took effect July 1, 2025, by adopting a resolution designating the County Administrator as the administrative authority and official for approving plats and replats and approving an ordinance amending Chapter 42 of the County Code of Ordinances to reflect the bill's mandates. The new law requires local governments to review, process, and approve subdivision plats and replats administratively, without action by the governing body, while still ensuring compliance with Florida Statutes. It also sets clear expectations, including written notice within seven days of receiving a submittal, defined timelines for approval, and detailed explanations for any denials. Special exceptions or variances to development regulations will still require approval by the County's regulatory boards.

At their regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed changes to the Subdivision Ordinance with a change to Section 42-310 Community Meeting, to increase the public notification radius from 500 feet to 2500 feet.

- **Floodplain Management Ordinance**

The Second reading and adoption of changes to the Floodplain Management Ordinance. Florida Department of Emergency Management recently reviewed the County's existing floodplain management regulations and recommended some changes to the Floodplain Management Ordinance to comply with Federal Emergency Management updates.

At their regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the proposed changes to the Floodplain Management Ordinance as presented.

- **Review and Certification of the SHIP Annual Report**

The Board approved the required State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program certification and annual report for fiscal years 2022–23, 2023–24, and 2024–25, meeting the state mandate outlined in Florida Statute 420.9075(10). This certification, submitted to and approved by the Florida Housing Finance Corporation on September 5, 2025, verifies that Jackson County's local policies, procedures, ordinances, and regulations have not increased the per-unit cost of housing for either existing homes or new construction.

- **Green Road/Hussey Road Mini Farms Subdivision**

A request for a 10-lot minor residential subdivision with lots ranging from 2.50 acres to 4.85 acres. The proposed subdivision will be situated on the southwest corner of Green Road and Hussey Road in unincorporated Jackson County.

On September 8, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plat to the Board of County Commissioners. The Planning Commission requested the applicant to add Deed Covenants to the subdivision lots. A copy of the Deed Covenants was submitted to Community Development on September 16, 2025.

- **Happy Green Acres RV Park and Flea Market**

A request for a General Development Order to construct a 21-unit RV park, commercial swimming pool, 6 sheds, snow cone stand and 2 pole barns to be used as a flea market. The total impervious surface for this project is 16,000 square feet. This project will be located at 3039 Edification Drive in unincorporated Jackson County.

The Jackson County Comprehensive Plan Policy 2.2(2)(3)(a) requires regulatory board approval for a special exception to the Agriculture 2 land use category to allow placement of an RV Park.

On August 18, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval of the General Development Order and special exception for Happy Green Acres RV Park and Flea Market to the Board of County Commissioners.

- **Set a Public Hearing: Small Scale Amendment for Low Stress Country Market, LLC**

The Board set a public hearing for October 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to change the Land Use of two parcels totaling 2.9 acres from Agriculture 2 (AG2) to Mixed Use Urban Transitional (MUUT). The parcel is located on the southeast corner of Hwy 90 and Old Cottondale Road in unincorporated Jackson County.

On September 15, 2025, the Planning Commission recommended approval to the Board of County Commissioners.



REQUEST: Approval to Solicit Cleaning Services ITB 2425-24

The Board approved re-soliciting professional cleaning services for three key County facilities—the Jackson County Health Department, Marianna Library, and Green Street Probation Office—to maintain clean, safe, and welcoming spaces for staff and the public. Through a competitive Invitation to Bid (ITB) process, one qualified contractor will be selected to provide weekly janitorial services, including floor care, window cleaning, trash removal, and furniture cleaning, in accordance with the County's detailed Scope of Work. Managed by the County Facilities Director, this process ensures high-quality service, cost efficiency, and the flexibility for the Board to accept or reject proposals as needed to best serve the community.



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LEGEND:



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Dr. Willie Spires	Edward Crutchfield	Paul Donofro Jr.	Donnie Branch	Jamey Westbrook